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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kenji HASHIMOTO et al.

Group Art Unit: 1745

Application No.: 09/623,023

Examiner:

S. N. Tsang Foster

Filed:

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Docket No.: 107016

For:

FUEL CELL AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SEPARATOR FOR USE IN FUEL

CELL (as twice amended)

## NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Decision of the Primary Examiner dated December 20, 2002.

The \$320.00 Appeal Fee is:

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Not required (fee paid in prior appeal in this application with no Board Decision on the merits).

The shortened statutory period having expired March 20, 2003, it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for THREE months. A Petition for Extension of Time is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this document are enclosed.

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